

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The strategy for the VIII plan provides for strict prioritisation in funding for completion of on-going projects. also, planning Commission has decided to vigorously follow earmarking of outlays for different irrigation projects.

Elights from Calcutta

3974. SHRI NANI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign airlines have been contemplating flights to and from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). As a result of efforts made by Government, the Romanian airline started operating to Calcutta some time ago. Similarly, it has been agreed that KLM would also operate a flight to Calcutta.

Hirakund Dam

3975. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and released for the modernisation of Hirakund dam during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount sanctioned for 1991-92 and 1992-93, respectively; and

(c) the areas likely to be benefited therefrom.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) Nil.

(b) An amount to Rs. 0.88 crores was spent during 1990-91 and an outlay of Rs. 1.5 crores was recommended by the Planning commission for 1991-92. The State Government had proposed an only of Rs. 2 crores for 1992-93.

(c) The project envisages improvement in irrigation in about 20% of the total ayacut of 155428 hectares.

Telephone Connection to Villages

3976. SHRI B. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have so far been provided telephone connections as on date; and

(b) the number of villages which are expected to be covered during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 61,330 panchayat Villages as on 29th February, 1992.

(b) Yet to be finalised.

Postal Circle for Districts of Orissa

3977. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to sanction another Postal Circular for the districts of Balasore, Keonjhor and Mayurbhan; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). In normal course, the State of Orissa would justify only two posts of Regional Postmasters General but keeping in view its vast tribal tract and relative backwardness, three posts of regional PMsG including a Chief PMG, Bhubaneswar have been sanctioned by the Government. It is not possible to create another regional office for Orissa, as the same is not functionally justified.

Shifting of Rajkot Airport

3978. SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the Rajkot airport;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the expenditure involved therein; and

(c) when the airport is likely to be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVAROSCINDIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Buildings for Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

3979. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct buildings to set up telephone exchanges in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details with location thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) Yes, please.

(b). Details are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of Station	Type of Buildings
1.	Alwar	20 K E 10 B Building
2.	Bhiwadi	10 K C DOT MAX-I
3.	CHAR BHUJA Road (Amet)	Composite
4.	Churu	-do-
5.	Chirawa	-do-
6.	Deogarh	-do-
7.	Fatehpur	MAX-II
8.	Gangapur City	Composite